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SUBJECT:CHINESE REPRESENTATION IN IMF/IBRD

1. DCM PRESENTED US POSITION TO NOGUEIRA BATISTA, CHIEF, ECONOMIC DEPARTMENT, MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, ON SEPTEMBER 10.

2. NOGUEIRA BATISTA RESPONDED THAT BRAZIL ALSO HOPES CHIREP QUESTION WILL NOT BE PUT FORWARD AT UPCOMING IMF/IMBRD MEETING. GOB HAS HAD NO INDICATION THAT CHICOMS OR COUNTRY ACTING ON THEIR BEHALF PLANS TO TAKE SUCH ACTION. NOGUEIRA BATISTA SPECULATED THAT CAUTIOUS CHICOMS MIGHT FEEL THAT AT THIS PARTICULAR STAGE IN THEIR DEVELOPING RELATIONS WITH MAJOR PARTICIPANTS IN FUND AND BANK, DEFERRAL OF ACTION TO UNSEAT ROC WOULD BE WARRANTED.

3. CONCERNING BRAZILIAN ACTION IN EVENT QUESTION IS RAISED, NOGUEIRA BATISTA SAID QUESTION HAS NOT AS YET BEEN ADDRESSED IN ITAMARATY AND WILL REQUIRE SOME FRESH THINKING SINCE THIS IS FIRST TIME CHINESE REPRESENTATION QUESTION HAS ARisen SINCE BRAZIL'S RECOGNITION OF PEKING ON AUGUST 15, 1974. TASK WILL BE MADE MORE DIFFICULT BY FACT THAT CONTACTS WITH PRC HAVE NOT YET BEEN REGULARIZED, AND LACKING COMMUNICATION GOB IS NOT IN POSITION TO KNOW PEKING THINKING. IN ANY CASE, HE SAID, "WE WILL HAVE TO

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BE CONSISTENT WITH WHAT WE HAVE DONE." RECOGNITION OF

PRC WILL RESULT IN CONSIDERABLE CHANGE IN BRAZILIAN POSITION ON SUCH ISSUES, HE ADDED, BUT EXTENT OF CHANGE AND NEW TACTICS UNCLEAR AT PRESENT.

4. EMBASSY WILL ALSO BE MAKING PRESENTATION TO FINANCE MINISTRY. IN PAST MONETARY OFFICIALS HAVE INDICATED THAT GOB POSITION ON CHIREP QUESTION WAS DETERMINED BY FOREIGN MINISTRY.

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